THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. The system was got installed after following proper purchase procedure at a cost of Rs. 3.62 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir. The system is working very satisfactorily and its performance has been found better in comparison to the MTNL system.

(c) Under the system 100 internal lines, including 10 EPBX outlets, have been provided to various Sections/Divisions.

Computer Cencer in Central Road Research Institute

4840. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of computers have been purchased by the Central Road Research Institute of CSIR;

(b) whether it is a fact that every division/section is having computers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the outsiders are getting training unauthorisedly on the computers with the connivance of officers of Central Road Research Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. As part of modernization process in the CSIR laboratories, a computer network has been established in the CRRI also.

(b) Almost all the divisions|sections have been provided with personal computers.

(c) No, Sir. However, with a view to strengthening interaction with academic institutions through co-guidance of the thesis of the post graduate students of different universities| institutes, some students doing Master of Computer Application from the Thapar Institute of Technology Patiala, Regional Engineering College, Warangal and University of Roorkee, are being invited to undertake projects of software development which would give useful input to the Institute's R&D work and also provide opportunity to these students to work on practical scientific and engineering problems. Secondly a part of CSIR policy, children of CSIR Employees are encouraged to learn computer during summer vacation for which they are paid a stipend.

Contract for Renovation of Clock Rooms by CRRI

4841. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract had been given for more than Rs. 5|- lakh from the excess funds of 1991-92 for further renovation of Clock-Rooms etc. by Central Road Research Institute of CSIR; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the renovation of Clock-Rooms etc. had been done a couple of years back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A contract for Rs. 5,10,960.14 has been awarded for undertaking absolutely necessary repairs in 11 of the 60 toilets of the